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GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HLC REP BUITRAGO COMMENTS PUBLICLY ON HLC INACTIVITY;

WILL CHANGE JOBS FOR PERSONAL REASONS

1. GOES HLC REP LUIS BUITRAGO MET WITH PRESS AUG 14 TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS SEVERE CRISIS CONFRONTINGG HLC WORK.

BUITRAGO OFFERED FOLLOWING REASONS WHY WORK IN HLC ON DRAFT TREATY HAS BOGGED DOWN (CAN HAS NOT MET SINCE EARLY JUNE):

A. DELAY IN PRESENTATION OF GUATEMALAN POSITION ON INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY. BUITRAGO SAID THAT ONLY RECENTLY GUATEMALANS HAD PRESENTED A PAPER ON COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS PROPOSING A SCHEME EMPHASIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND REDUCING THE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. BUITRAGO SAID THIS POSITION REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM PRESENT POSITION UNDER INTEGRATION TREATY. BUITRAGO SAID GOG PAPER WAS A "SURPRISE" FOR

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SALVADORANS IN VIEW OF PAST GOG SUPPORT FOR STRONG TREATY.

B. INACTIVITY OF QUADRIpartite. QUADRIpartite HAS NOT MET SINCE LAUNCHING HLC IN JULY, 1973. IT HAS NOT REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WORK OF HLC OR GIVEN GUIDANCE

C. ABSENCE OF NICARAGUAN HLC REP

D. PRECARIOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION OF CA COUNTRIES (EXCEPT GUATEMALA) WHICH ARE PREEMPTING ATTENTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION, BUITRAGO STATED THAT MAJOR NEED WAS "POLITICAL WILL" TO GUID WORK OF HLC. HLC HAS NEVER BEEN SURE, HE SAID, TO WHAT EXTENT ITS WORK WOULD MEET WITH POLITICAL APPROVAL.

3. TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED.

4. BUITRAGO CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF PREAB REPORTS OF HIS COMMENTS TO EMBOFF, SAYING HE MEANT TO INFORM PUBLIC FRANKLY OF REASONS FOR RECENT INACTIVITY OF HLC. HE REGRETTED THAT PRESS HAD CHOSEN TO HEADLINE HIS COMMENTS ON GUATEMALAN POSITION SINCE HE HAD NOT WISHED TO SINGLE OUT GOC FOR BLAME FOR COMPLEX SITUATION WITH MANY CAUSES. HE SAID HE THOUGHT GOG WAS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS TO BACK OFF FROM ITS SUPPORT FOR CACAM RESTRUCTURING. UNFORTUNATELY HE THOUGHT THE VIEW NOW PREVAILING IN GUATEMALA, BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S PROMISING ECONOMIC SITUATION, WAS THAT GUATEMALA DID NOT NEED CACM.

5. WITH REGARD TO ABSENCE OF GON HLC REP, BUITRAGO SAID EXPLANATION HE HAD H

YRLJSCV#NICARAGUAN SOURCES WAS THAT MINECON MARTINEZ WAS SEEKING TO APPOINT MORE PLIABLE REP THAN ZELANDON HAD BEEN AND HAD YET TO COME UP WITH A NAME SATISFACTORY TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA.

6. BUITRAGO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT CURRENT TASK OF HLC WILL BE COMPLETED WITHOUT AN ACT OF "POLITICAL WILL" ON THE PART OF CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HE DID NOT THINK WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. HE SAID MEETING OF PRESIDENTS IN JULY HAD HAD NO EFFECT.

7 BUITRAGO TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD SHORTLY BE RESIGNING AS SALVADORAN REP ON BCIE AND HLC TO ACCEPT POSITION AS CONTROLLER OF IDB. HIS DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. HE SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT IDB JOB BECAUSE IT REPRESENTED PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT  
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AND WOULD PERMIT HIM JOIN HIS FAMILY IN WASHINGTON AND NOT BECAUSE OF POLICY DIFFERENCES ON CACM. GOES POLICY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. ACCORDING TO BUITRAGO, DR HUGO LEONEL PINEDA, CURRENTLY ALTERNATE REP, WOULD BE NAMED PERMANENT HLC REP. HE WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON BCIE JOB. WHILE INSISTING RESIGNATION WAS FOR PERSONAL NOT POLICY REASONS, BUITRAGO OBSERVED THAT PROSPECT THAT HIS TWO YEARS OF WORK ON HLC WOULD PROBABLY COME TO NOUGHT WAS DEPRESSING.

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